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EMBOFFS delivered reftel points to Mr. Peter van der Vliet, Deputy Director of the Dutch MFA's UN and International Financial Institutions Department. Van der Vliet advised that the Netherlands intends to abstain in the February 26 vote in the UN General Assembly on the Palestinian-drafted resolution on the Goldstone Report. He said other EU member states who are like-minded on the issue will similarly abstain but noted that it looks like quite a number of EU members will vote in favor. While he said that things could change depending on the outcome of last-minute EU coordination efforts, the Netherlands will, in any case, not/not vote in favor of the resolution.

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